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SUBJECT: PRELIMINARY JAPANESE LIST REVIEW PROPOSALS;
JAPANESE TECHNOLOGY CONTROLS

REF: TOKYO 19014, 12/10/77

1. DURING THE PAST WEEK, A JAPANESE DELEGATION HAS BEEN IN EUROPE FOR PRE-LIST REVIEW BILATERALS WITH THE U.K., FRANCE AND WEST GERMANY. TWO MEMBERS OF THIS DELEGATION ACCOMPANIED BY REGULAR JAPANESE COCOM DELEGATE CALLED ON USDEL. THEY PROVIDED USDEL WITH A MEMORANDUM WHICH OUTLINES THE PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE EMBARGO LIST WHICH THE JAPANESE WILL BE AIRING IN THEIR BILATERALS DISCUSSIONS. THEY INDICATED THAT THEY WANTED THE U.S. TO BE AWARE THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT'S PRELIMINARY VIEWS ON LIST REVIEW CHANGES. IN RESPONSE TO A USDEL INQUIRY, THEY INDICATED THAT THE GOJ PRESENTLY HAD NO PLANS TO SEEK PRE-LIST REVIEW BILATERALS WITH THE U.S.

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2. NOT SURPRISINGLY, ALL OF THE CHANGES IN THE JAPANESE MEMORANDUM ARE FOR LIBERALIZATIONS OF EXISTING CONTROLS. SINCE THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT HAS NOT COMPLETED ITS REVIEW OF ITEM IL 1565 (COMPUTERS), THE MEMORANDUM DOES NOT CONTAIN ANY CHANGES FOR THIS ITEM. COPIES OF MEMORANDUM ARE BEING SENT TO PRACHT/EWT AND WILL BE GIVEN TO MEMBERS OF WASHINGTON DELEGATION FOR

APRIL 25 MEETING.

3. DURING THE DISCUSSIONS WITH JAPANESE OFFICIALS, USDEL ASKED ABOUT THE APPARENT LACK OF A LEGAL BASIS IN JAPAN FOR THE CONTROL OF TECHNOLOGY. THE JAPANESE INDICATED THAT THIS WAS INDEED A PROBLEM FOR THEM AND NOTED THAT BECAUSE OF THE OPPOSITION IN THE DIET IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO INSTITUTE ANY NEW LEGISLATION APPLYING CONTROLS ON TECHNOLOGY EXPORTS. THEY DID STATE, HOWEVER, THAT MITI IS CONSIDERING, AS A STEP IN THIS DIRECTION, LEGISLATION INVOLVING CONTROLS OVER THE EXPORT OF TECHNOLOGY FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF ARMS AND MUNITIONS. THIS, THEY SAID, MIGHT LAY THE BASIS FOR THE BROADER TECHNOLOGY CONTROLS IN THE FUTURE. THE JAPANESE OFFICIALS ALSO MENTIONED "ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDANCE" (OUTLINED REFTTEL), BY THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT AS ONE OF THE IMPORTANT MEANS OF CONTROLLING THE EXPORT OF TECHNOLOGY BY JAPANESE FIRMS. THEY STATED THAT THIS WAS MORE EFFECTIVE WITH THE LARGER JAPANESE FIRMS BECAUSE OF THEIR RELATIONSHIP TO MITI THAN WITH THE SMALLER ONES.

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